

# Myths that can hurt your wealth

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*Myth ...*

**Higher fees mean higher returns and fees are too small to matter**

Presented by [Alan Kohler](#), *Editor-in-Chief*



*Myth ...*

**Investing ethically means lower returns**

Presented by [Nathan Bell](#), *Senior Portfolio Manager*



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**You can time the time**

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# The myth that higher fees mean higher returns

And that fees are too small to matter.

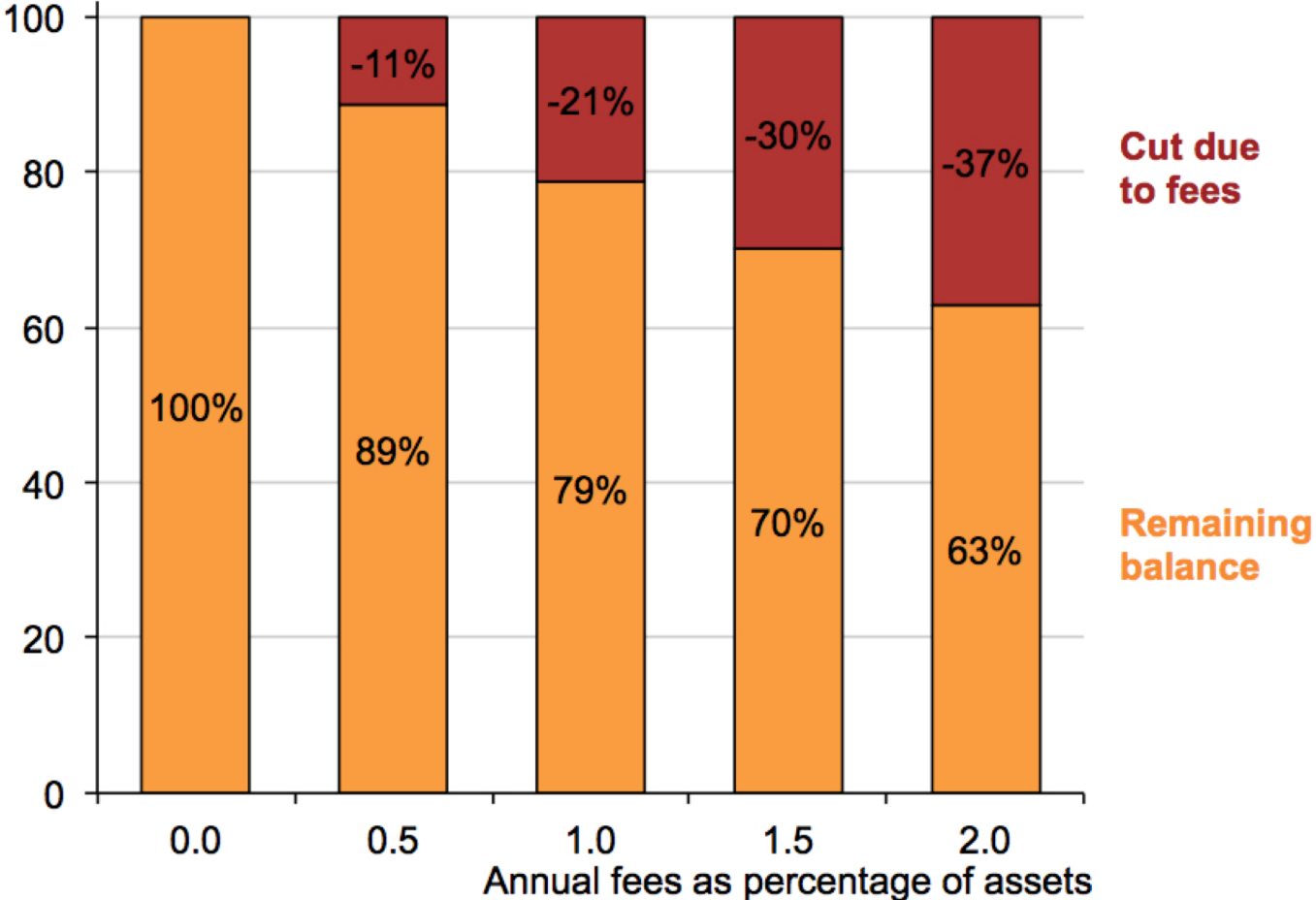
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First ...

**What a difference  
a fee makes.**



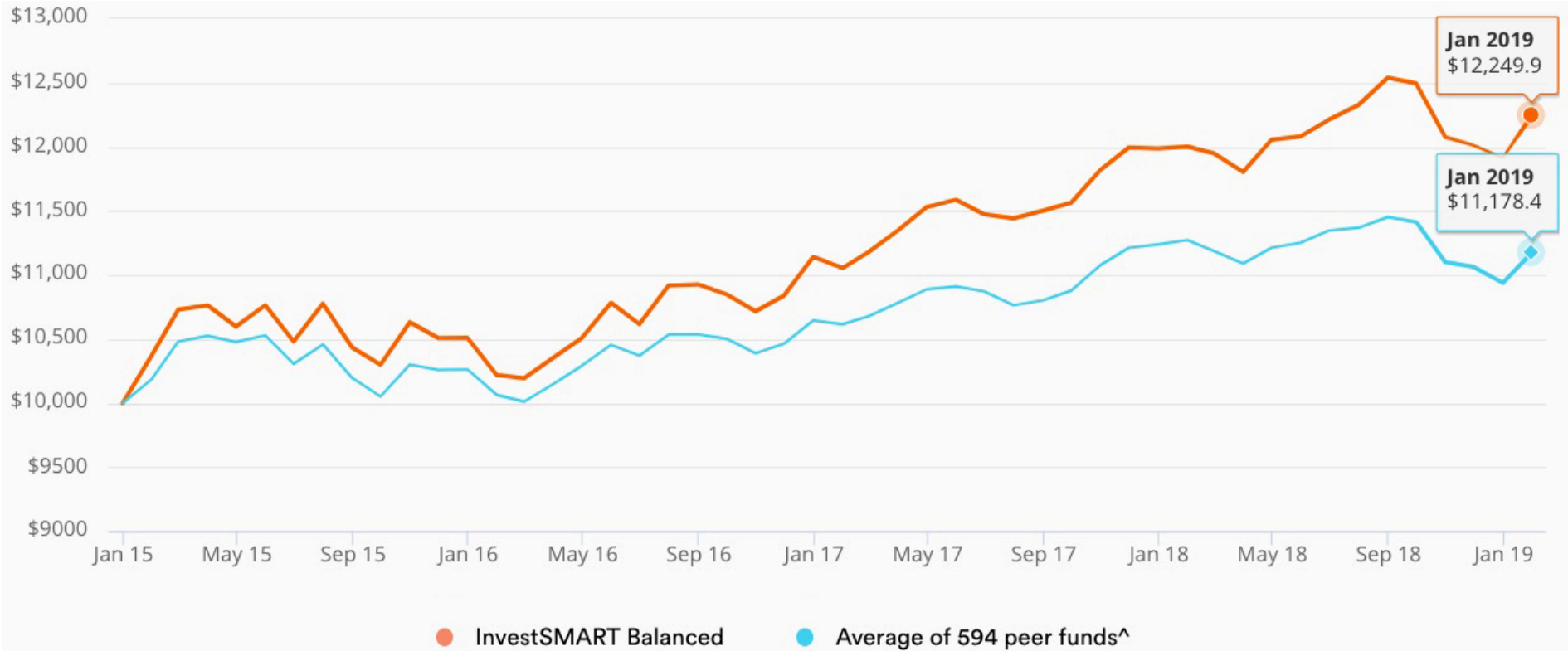
# Retirement balances relative to fund with zero fees, per cent



Source: Grattan Institute

# InvestSMART's Balanced Fund vs the Rest

Growth of \$10,000 as at 31 January 2019



# ASX 200 Accumulation Index annual return over the past 20 years: 8.29%

Starting sum **\$100,000** at **8.29%** final sum = **\$491,770**

With a fee of	0.5%	1.0%	2.0%
Final sum equals	<b>\$448,300</b>	<b>\$408,490</b>	<b>\$338,720</b>
Difference is	<b>\$43,470</b> <b>8.8%</b>	<b>\$83,280</b> <b>16.9%</b>	<b>\$153,050</b> <b>31.1%</b>

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With a fee of **\$451** p.a.

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Final sum equals **\$482,750**

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Difference is **\$9,020**  
**1.8%**



**\$500** monthly deposit for 20 years at **8.29%**, final sum with no fee = **\$305,353**

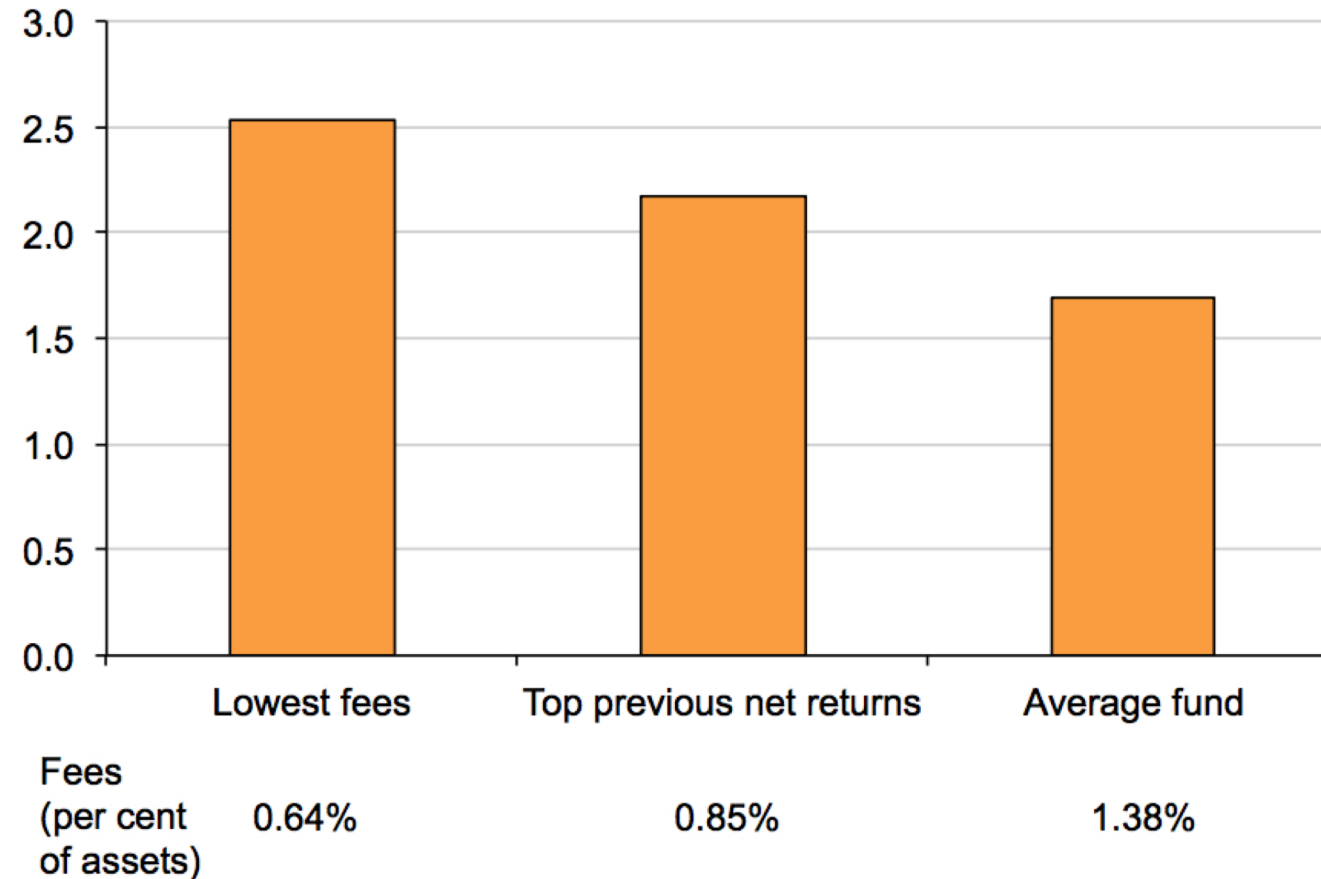
With a fee of	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>\$451 p.a.</b>
Final sum equals	<b>\$269,830</b>	<b>\$239,126</b>	<b>\$296,333</b>
Difference is	<b>11.6%</b>	<b>21.7%</b>	<b>2.9%</b>

Second ...

But do you get  
what you pay for?

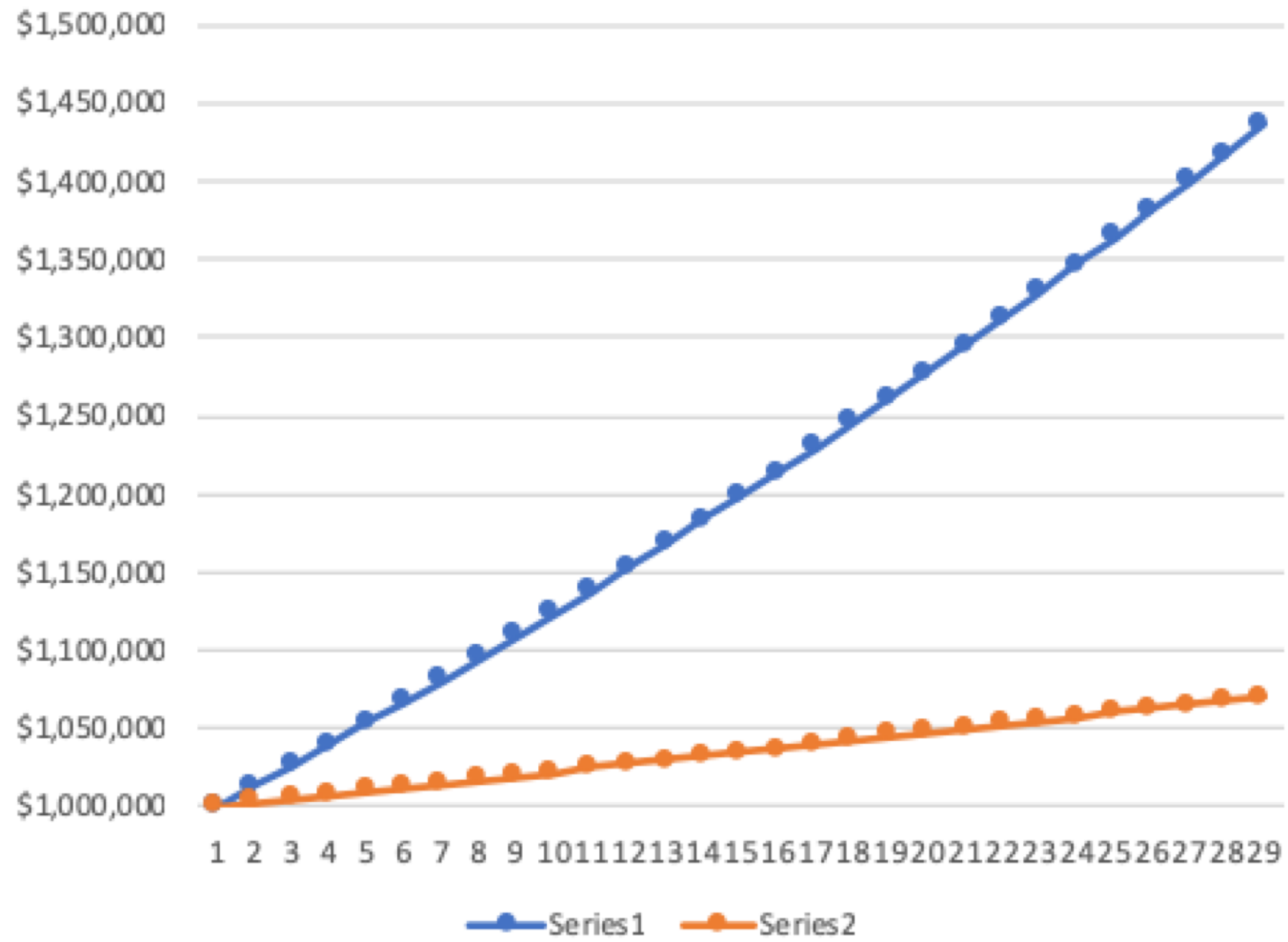


## Subsequent net real annual returns of funds based on previous fee and previous returns. 2006 - 2013, per cent, annual



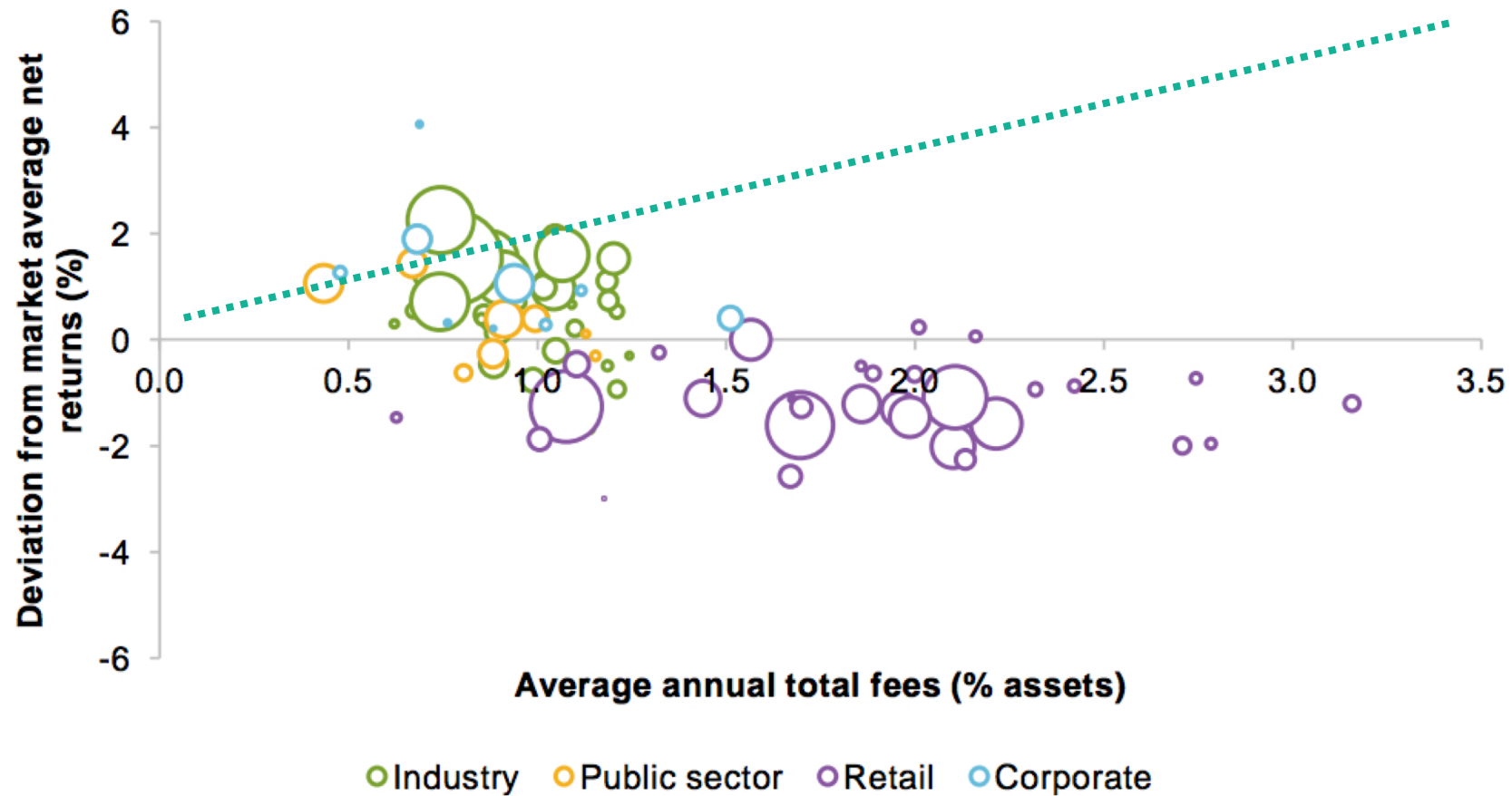
Source: Grattan Institute

## Compounding fees; 1.3% vs 0.2% + \$451



## Average annual figures, fund level, 2006 - 2017

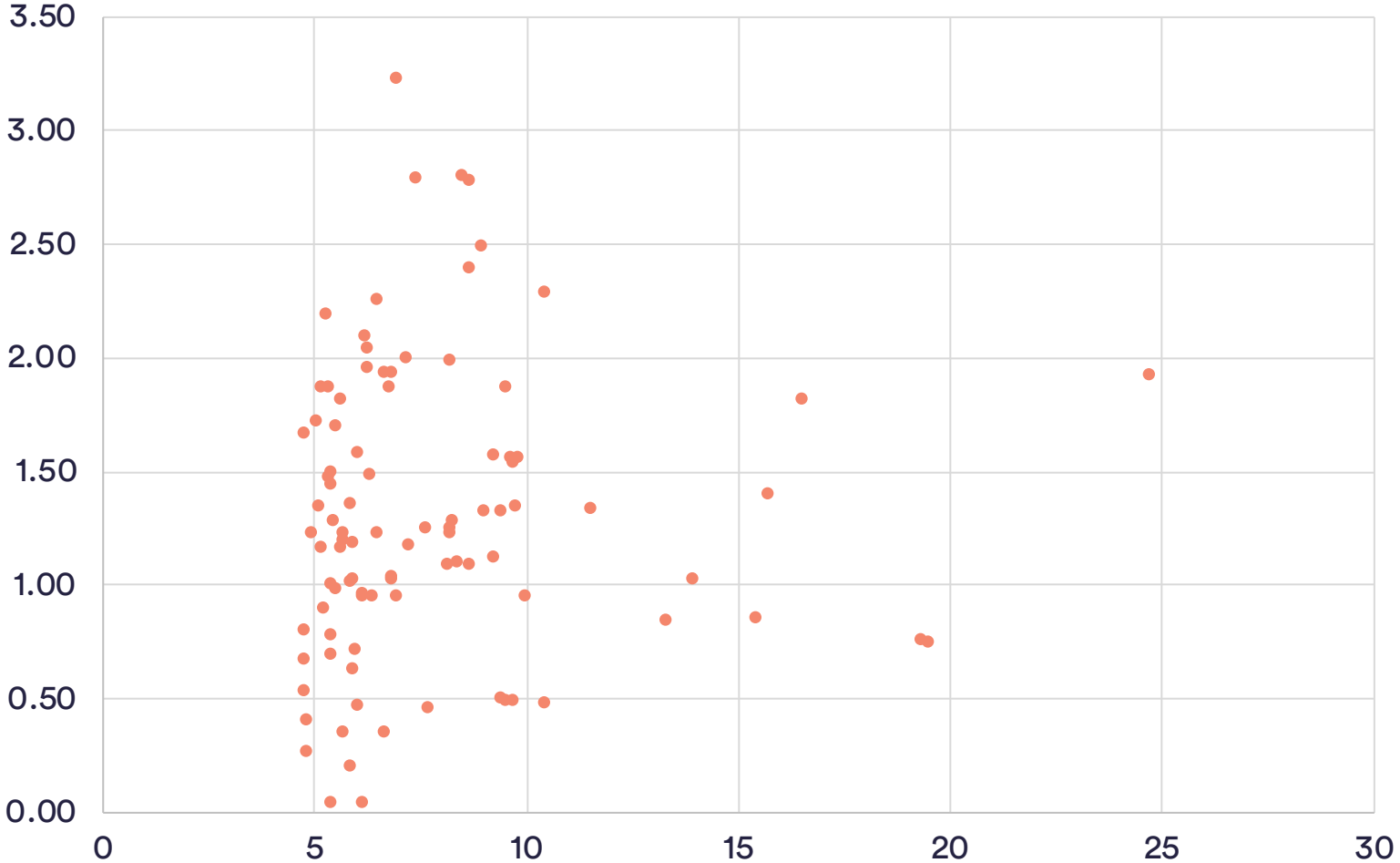
Bubble size represents total assets



Source: Productivity Commission

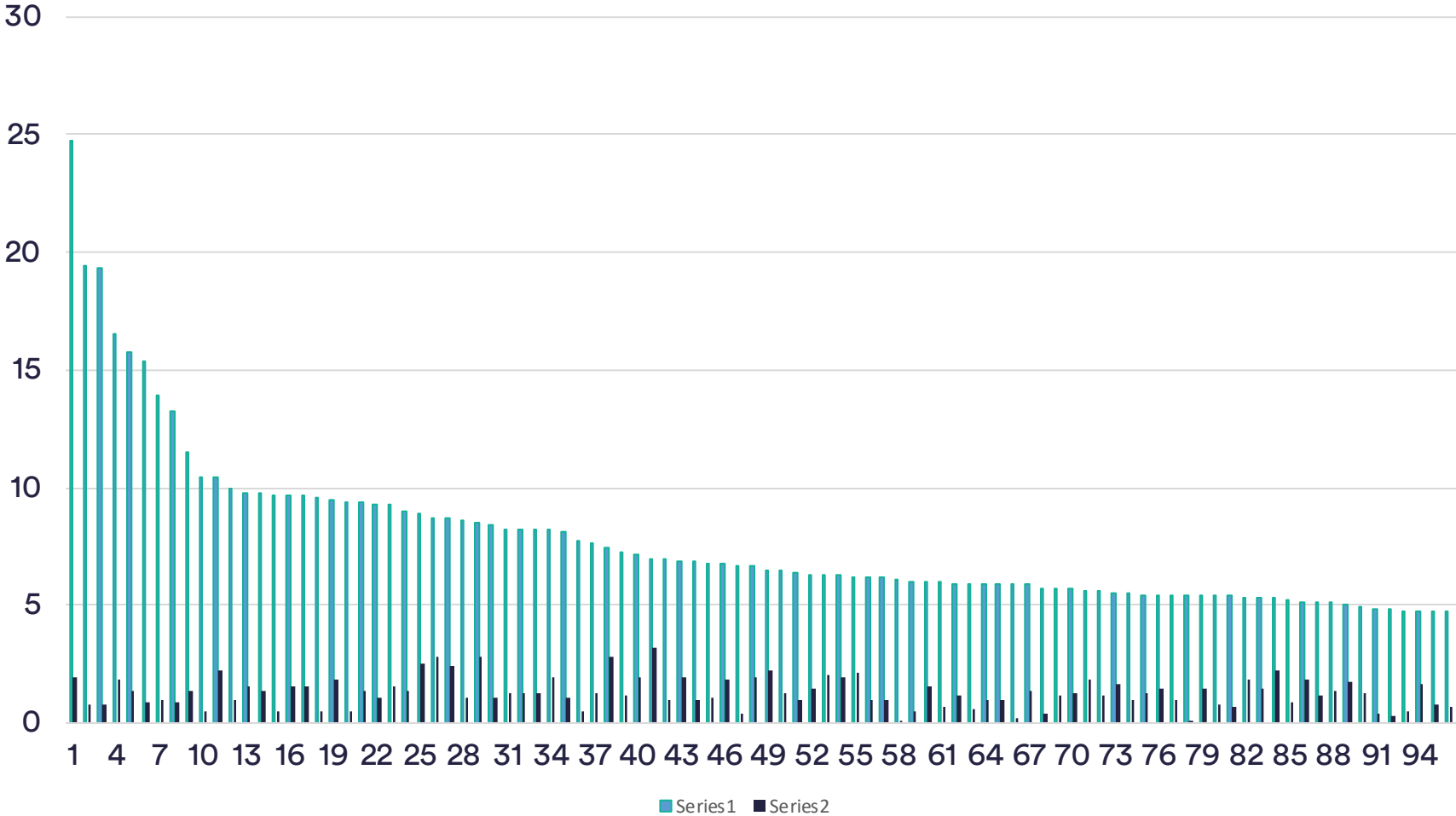
# Top 100 managed funds

## Fees and returns



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**God grant me the serenity to  
accept the things I cannot  
change, the courage to  
change the things I can,  
and the wisdom to know  
the difference.**

Reinhold Niebuhr





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# Busting the myth of market timing

RON HODGE / CEO, INVESTSMART GROUP



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# Market timing is an intriguing concept.

The dips in the market are so painful, that if you could simply sidestep them and only own stocks at the time the market is rising, perhaps you could save yourself a lot of pain.



**We are hardwired to try  
and time the markets.**

WE CAN'T HELP OURSELVES

NEWS

## Why debt will be the cause of the next stock market jolt

By business editor Ian Verrender  
Posted 12 Nov 2018, 6:17am

For most investors, it was a month to remember for a

October turned i roiled global ma this year's gains

While the fears l they haven't ent

For while the olc on a wall of wor the fearful and s within the global potentially grind

The Sydney Morning Herald

## Property is falling, shares are shaky. Here's where to put your money

Prices of just about all major investment categories are falling, leaving investors scratching their heads about where to find a decent return.

The property market is plummeting, while sharemarkets both in Australia and abroad are looking shaky, [prompting fears of a crash](#). Interest rates in the US and around the world are on the way up and President Donald Trump appears determined to ramp up the trade war with China.

As a result, asset allocation - the proportion of your money you assign to different asset classes, such as shares, bonds, property and cash as opposed to individual investments - is more important than ever. If your portfolio is built on good foundations, it won't be washed away by the incomin

The Sydney Morning Herald

## 'Prepare contingency plans': OECD warns Coalition government on falling house prices

By Shane Wright  
December 10, 2018 -- 7:38am

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INVESTING FEATURE

## Trump Says the Stock Market Will Crash if Democrats Win. Is He Right?

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Markets

## Labor election win to hurt high dividend stocks

The stock market's most popular dividend-paying stocks including the banks, miners and Telstra could have billions of dollars wiped off their valuations if Labor wins the next federal election, as polls suggest.

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# Loss aversion

We prefer to avoid a **loss** than to acquire an equivalent gain: it is better to not lose \$5 than to make \$5.

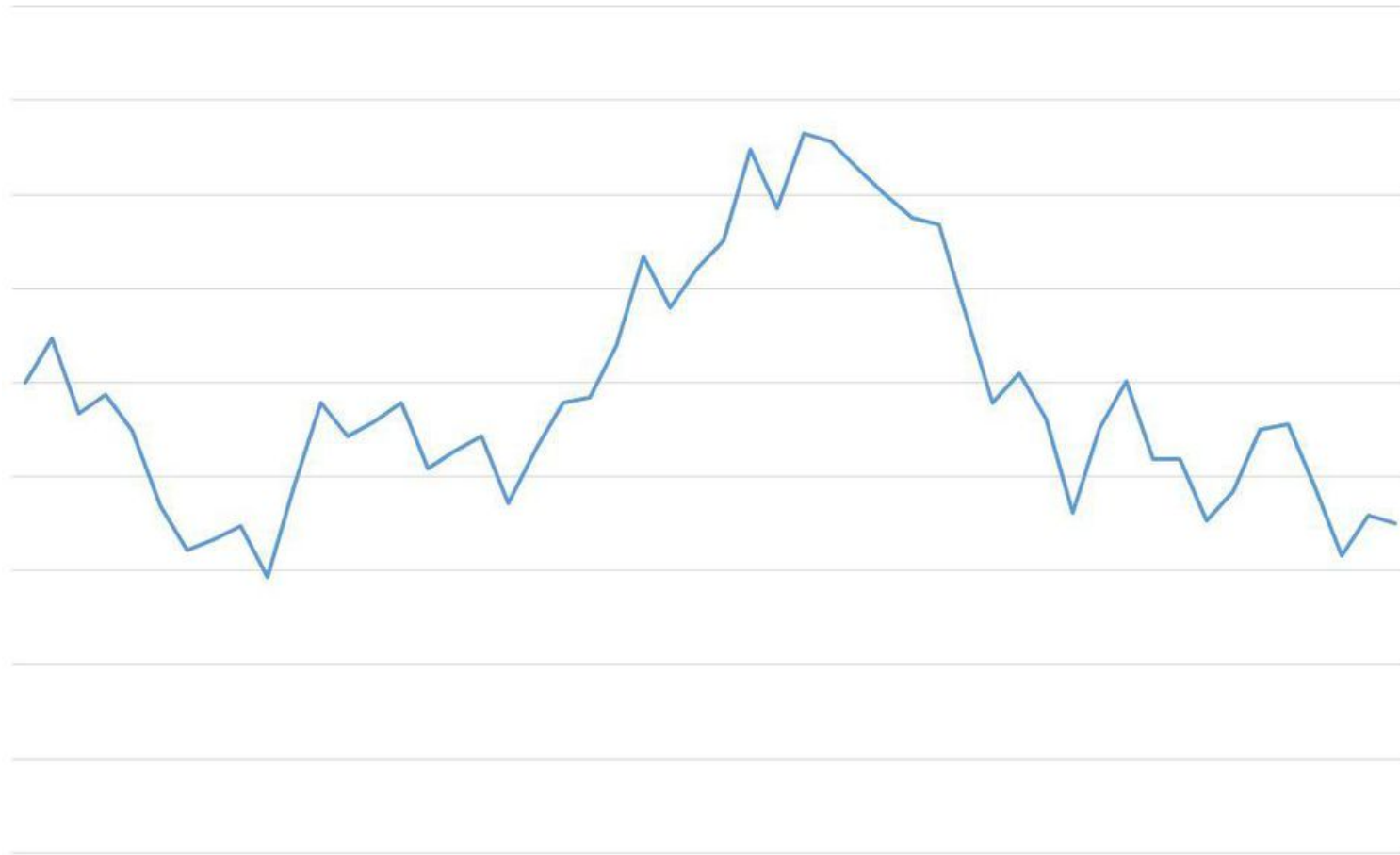


# Dread effect

Behavioural psychologists call it the dread effect. High-consequence, low-probability events trigger something in our brain that screams ‘Swim. Swim as fast as you can’.



## Even so-called “experts” give it a go





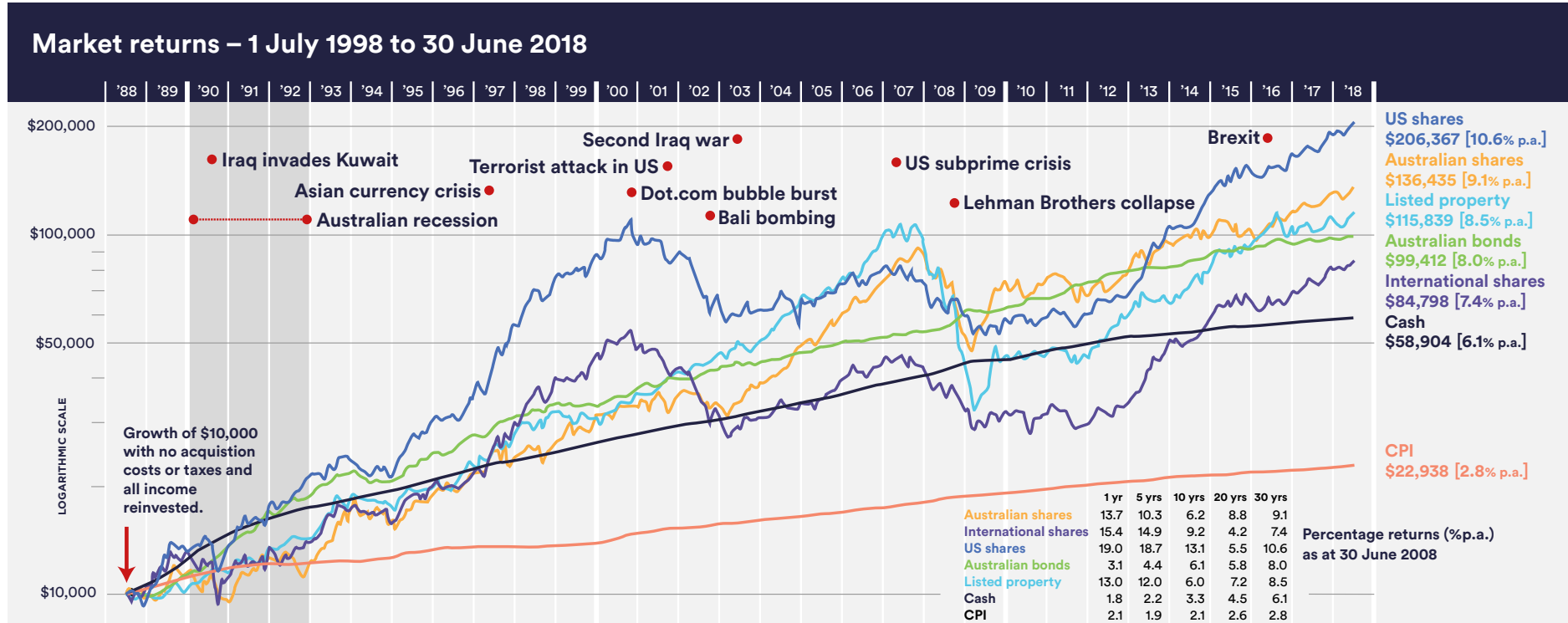
# Apophenia is an error of perception.

The tendency to interpret random patterns as meaningful. As humans we can't help but search for patterns and meaning everywhere we look.



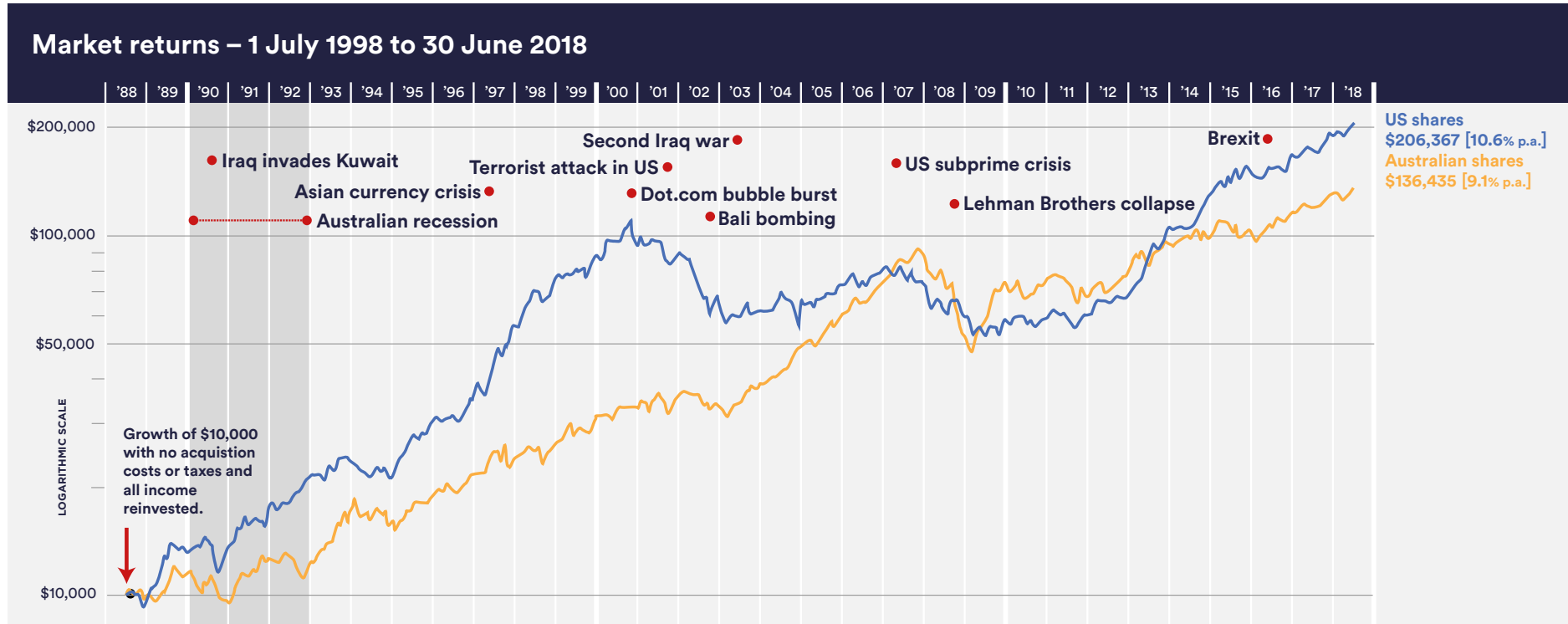


# Markets can be unpredictable in the short term



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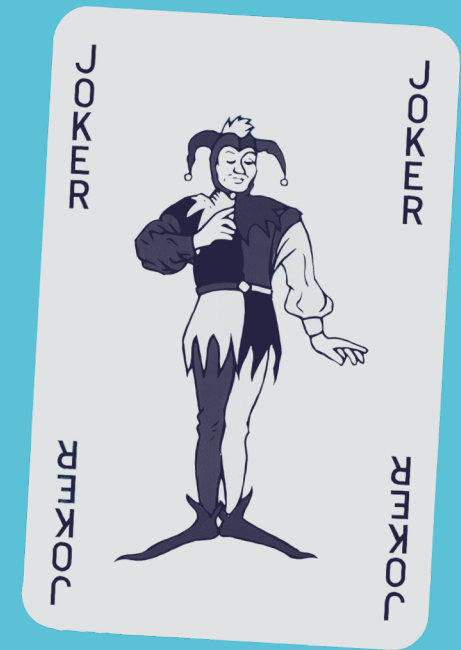
# Market timing can lead to bad decisions



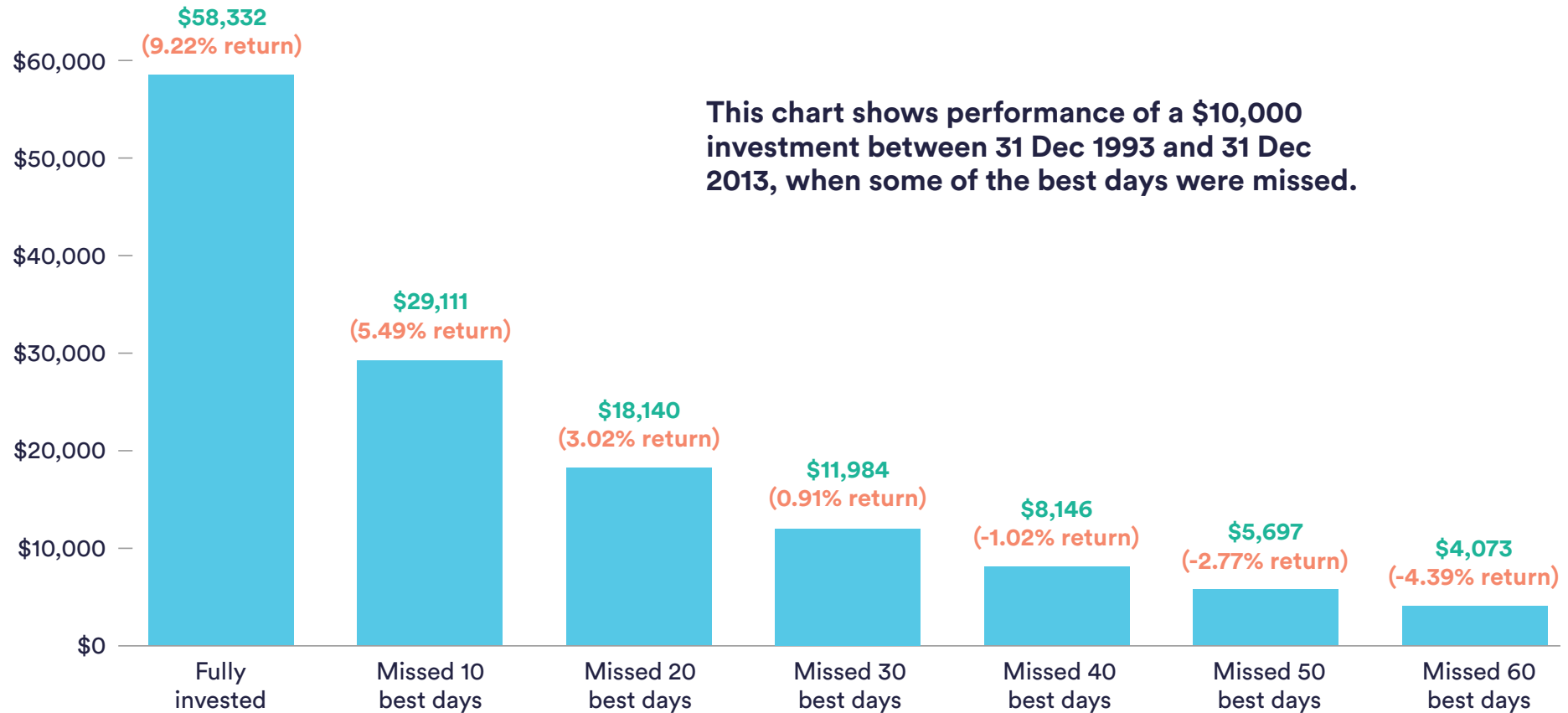
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# Random Walk Theory

Stock price changes are independent of each other, past movements cannot be used to predict future movements.



# Opportunity cost: missing the best days



Source: JP Morgan 2014 Guide to Retirement

# The folly of market timing

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Over periods of 7 to 57 years, the probability of losing from market timing is double the chance of winning.

Robert Jeffery

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If an investor is right 59% of the time, the return has the same as the average index.

Kepler Asset Management

# Costs to market timing

- Apart from the opportunity cost of missing out on some of the best upswings
- Time is money
- Brokerage eats away at returns
- More taxes equals less capital compounding





# Market timing is a pipe dream for most investors.

In 2016 a Dalbar study found investors, did a lot worse than the S&P 500 over 20 years by 4.67% vs 8.19% or \$249,000 vs \$483,000 if you started with \$100,000. The beauty of compounding returns!

“The data shows that the average investor did not stay invested for a long enough period of time to reap the rewards that the market can offer more disciplined investors. The data also shows that when investors react, they generally make the wrong decision.”

	Annualised return, 1996 - 2015
S&P 500	8.19%
Average investor	4.67%

Source 2016 Dalbar Quantitative Analysis of Investor Behavior Study

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**I can't recall ever once seeing the name of a market timer on Forbes' annual list of the richest people in the world. If it were truly possible to predict corrections, you'd think somebody would have made billions by doing it.**

**Peter Lynch**



# Time in the market not market timing

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Compound interest is the eighth wonder of the world. He who understands it, earns it ... he who doesn't ... pays it. Compound interest is the most powerful force in the universe.

Albert Einstein

- Long term your investment returns are not compounding as much in cash
- Start small if worried and build a well diversified portfolio over time
- Contribute **regularly** and **consistently** to average your entry price and smooth out volatility.



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# Don't let three letters ruin your retirement

NATHAN BELL / PORTFOLIO MANAGER

# It's time to take ESG seriously

- Higher returns
- Increasing risks for businesses
- Investors are becoming activists
- The fall of the Professional CEO
- Governments are getting involved
- ESG is becoming the norm



# What industries are out?

- Industry standard negative screen
- Standards evolving
- Currently avoiding businesses that earn most of their revenue from the following sources:
  - Fossil fuels; Pay day lenders; Alcohol; Gambling; Junk food and beverages; Supply chain concerns; Armaments



## HIGHER RETURNS

### Responsible Investment Association Australasia (RIAA)

	1 yr	3 yrs	5 yrs	10 yrs
Average Responsible Investment Fund	11.3%	9.8%	11.7%	5.4%
Large Cap Australian Share Fund Average	12.2%	8.0%	9.7%	3.5%
S&P/ASX300 Accumulation Index	11.9%	8.8%	10.2%	4%

Source: RIAA Responsible Investment Benchmark Report 2018

## 11 recommendations

Ethical vs Unethical

**14.8% vs 10.1%**



## Increasing risks from ESG concerns

- The market or government will expose you
- Hayne (Financial Services) Inquiry
- Aged Care Inquiry – Who's next?
- Renewables replacing fossil fuels
- Coca Cola – Sugar taxes; changing consumer preferences
- Increasing shareholder activism e.g. NAB
- Millennials more socially conscious





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To improve is to change;  
to be perfect is to change often.

Winston Churchill

- Not changing the ‘ll way’
- Stocks must pass fundamental hurdles
- Adding an ESG filter to reduce risk



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It was never my thinking that made the big money for me, it was always my sitting.

Jesse Livermore



## High quality businesses

- High insider-ownership
- Long growth runways
- A large discount to intrinsic value

## Special situations

- New CEO
- Re-capitalised
- Spin-offs
- Hidden assets

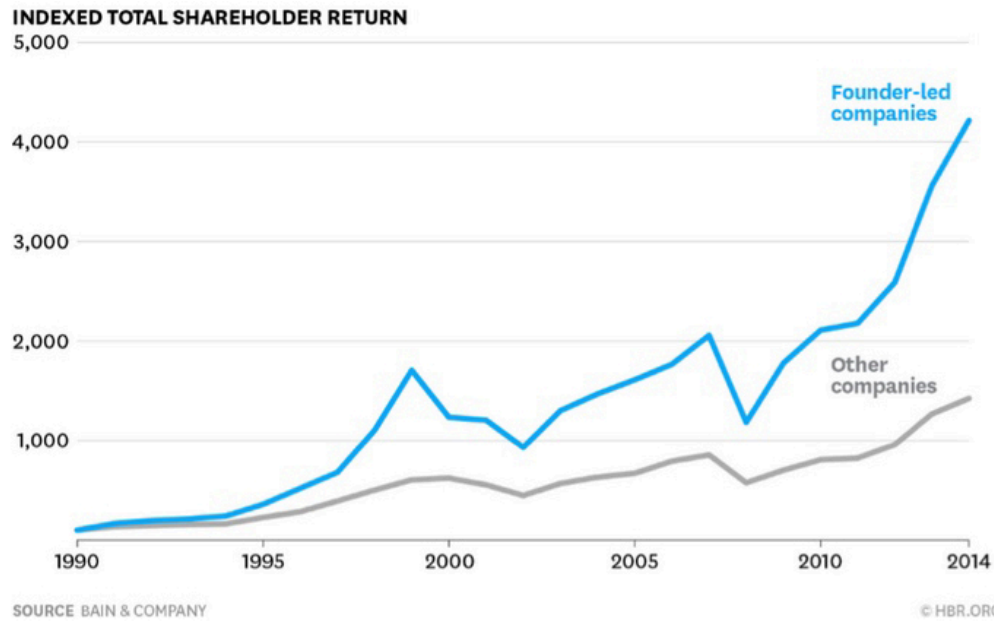


THE BEST CORPORATE GOVERNANCE IS HAVING SKIN IN THE GAME

Founder-led companies vs S&P 500

Founder-led companies outperform the rest

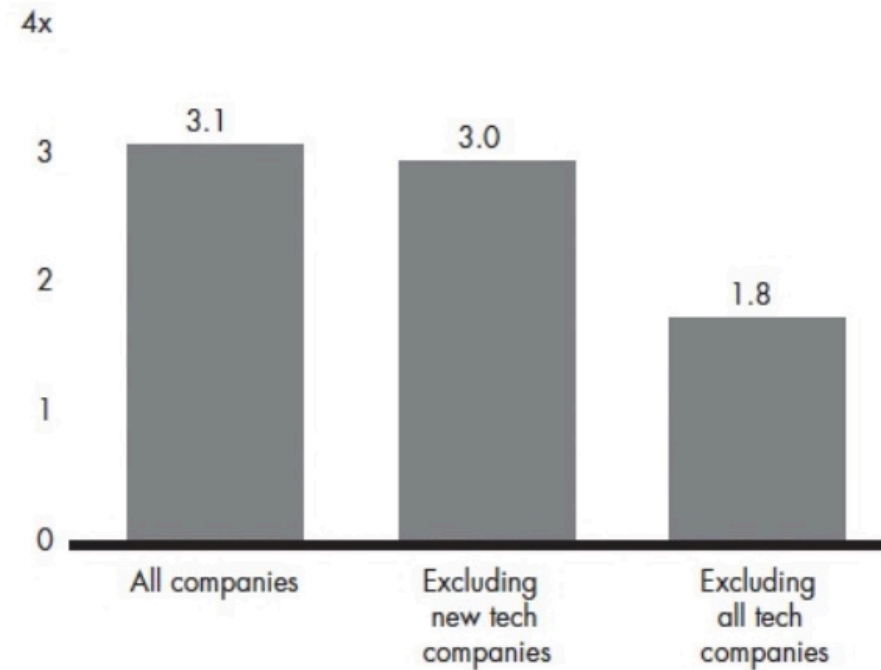
Based on an analysis of S&P 500 firms in 2014



Source: Bain & Company via Harvard Business Review

True even with tech companies excluded

Founder's Index vs other S&P 500



Source: Consultancy.UK

# WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE INSIDE OWNERSHIP?

NEWS

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## BHP's \$50 billion shale oil blunder

By business reporter Stephen Letts  
Updated 23 Aug 2017, 1:39pm

Roll the clock back to February 2011, and BHP announced its arrival as a big and very ambitious player not only in the US shale oil game, but global energy.

It slapped \$US4.75 billion (\$6 billion) down on the table to buy the rights from Chesapeake Energy to around half-a-million acres of prospective shale gas reserves at Lafayette in Arkansas.

By June, it upped the bet significantly.

This time, it was \$19 billion, in a friendly takeover of Petrohawk and its 1 million acres of prime Permian Basin shale oil real estate stretching from Louisiana to Texas.

Oil was on the tear. It had risen from its GFC lows of around \$US40 a barrel, to be up around

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as too costly and risky

### Key points:

- Energy analysts v  
around \$13 billion  
invested
- Within two years  
price collapsed 7
- BHP favours a tra  
patient in getting

## The Sydney Morning Herald

WORLD

## Rio Tinto's billion-dollar mess: 'unprincipled, shameful and evil'

By Daniel Flitton

19 August 2016 – 4:12pm

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The gaping hole carved into mountains was at one point the world's largest open-cut copper mine. Right on Australia's doorstep, it delivered riches beyond imagining and a mess big enough to tear a country apart.

The Guardian

## AMP chair Catherine Brenner resigns after scandals uncovered by banking commission

**Brenner leaves reported \$660,000-a-year role, as directors have 25% of fees stripped for this year**

The chair of financial services giant AMP, Catherine Brenner, has resigned from her \$660,000-a-year role, the latest casualty from the unfolding scandals uncovered by the banking royal commission.

Australia's largest wealth manager will also strip directors of 25% of their fees for the rest of the year. AMP's general counsel, Brian Salter, is also leaving, and the company has warned there will be "employment and remuneration" consequences for others involved in the fees-for-no-service scam.

ETHICAL COMPANIES (MOSTLY),  
SUPERIOR BUSINESSES

## CSL vs BHP

- Superior Return On Equity
- Truckloads more Free Cashflow
- More consistent profits and dividends
- Avoiding yesterday's heroes
- Focus on sunshine industries



## ESG is becoming the norm

- Reflects changing social attitudes
- Increasing pressure on governance
- Reducing risk is good business
- Woolworths considering selling its pubs
- Management remuneration e.g. Dulux



# It's easy

- Buy and sell just like a regular stock
- Ready-made portfolio
- Same Intelligent Investor long-term approach
- Focus on high quality businesses
- Long-term holdings help minimize tax
- Semi-annual distributions
- Regular reporting and candid communication
- Management fee; no performance fee





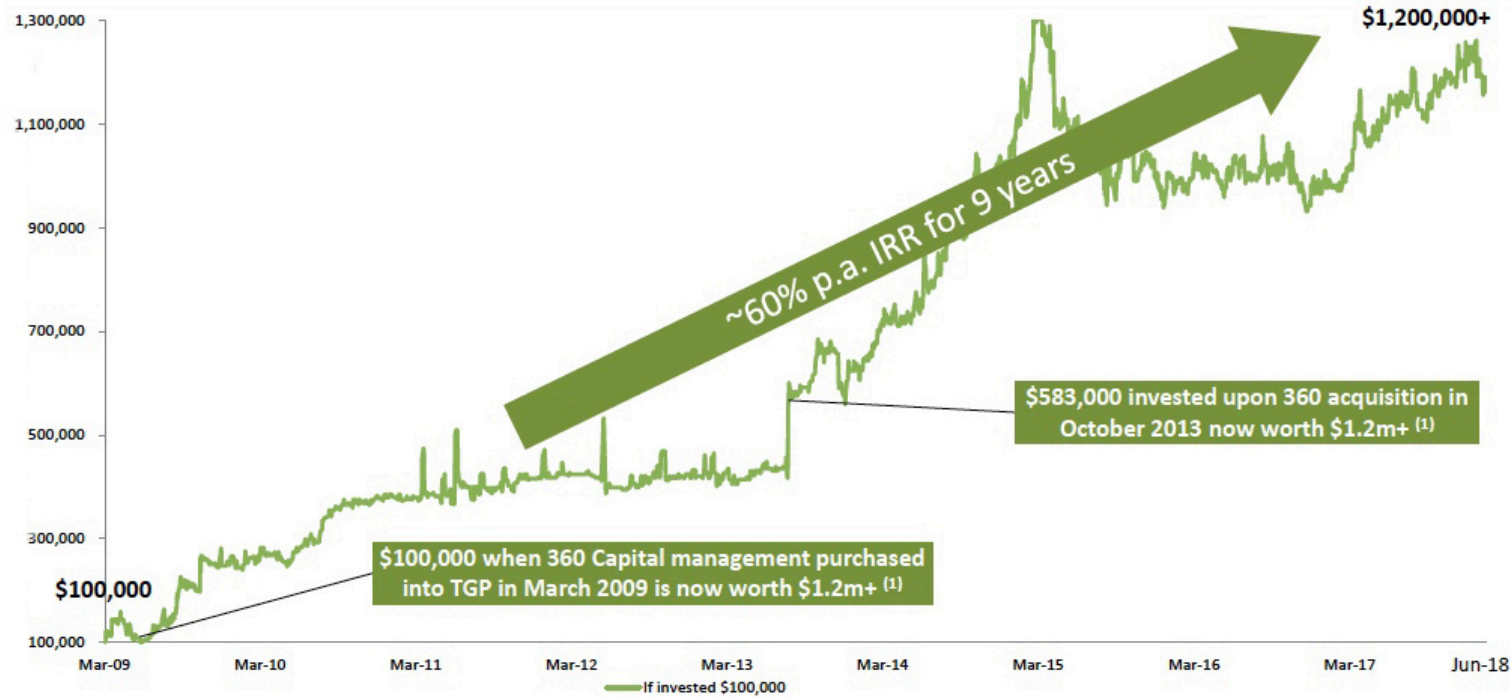
# 360 Capital

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# HIDDEN ASSETS

360 Capital

## TGP's total return post 360 Capital's management involvement



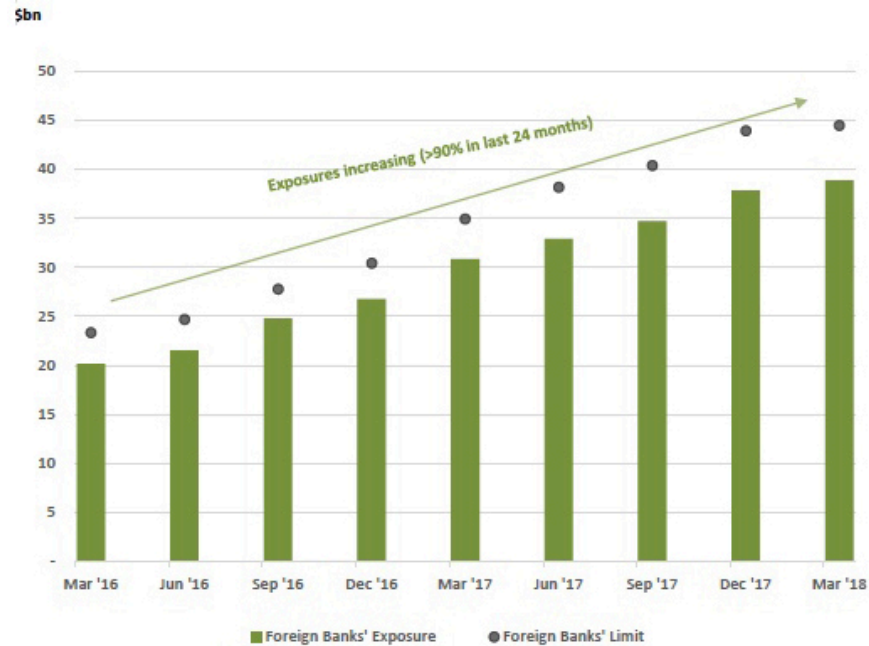
- Commercial property investment and funds management group
- Market Cap: \$207m; Trades at NTA; no value for 50% stake in AMF Finance
- CEO: Tony Pitt
- Major Shareholder: Tony Pitt (27%)

Source: TGP 2018 Annual Results Presentation

# HIDDEN ASSETS

360 Capital

## Foreign banks increasing exposures, a sign of increased regulatory pressures on local major banks



Source: APRA ADI Commercial Property Exposures March 2018

Traditional banks are unable to service the demand for real estate lending, creating a funding gap for non-bank lenders<sup>(1)</sup>

A \$30bn opportunity  
The non-bank lending market is set to double

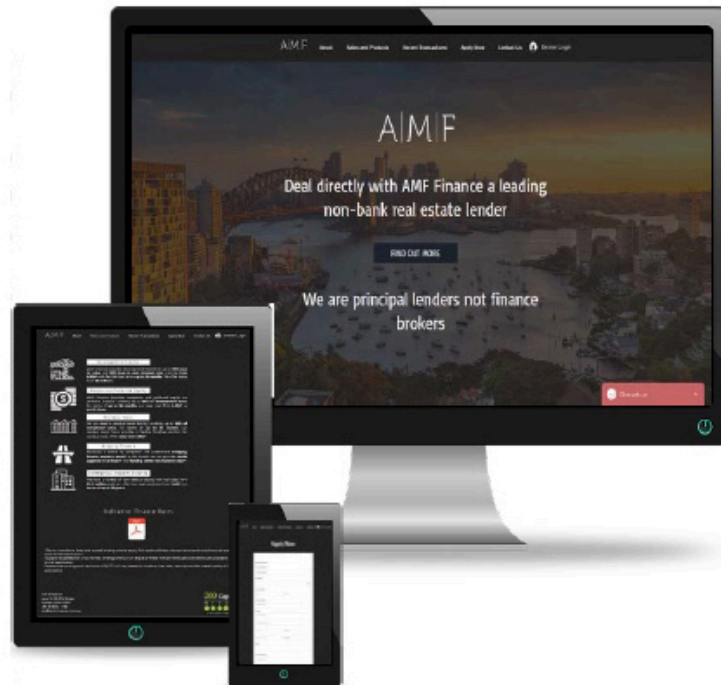
Currently, the market share of commercial real estate debt held by banks is approximately 80%.

It is expected that this share will decline to 60% over time, creating a A\$30+ billion opportunity for non-bank lenders<sup>1</sup>

1. Source: Goldman Sachs research 2017

Source: TGP 2018 Annual Results Presentation

### AMF Finance



[www.amf-finance.com.au](http://www.amf-finance.com.au)

- Over 7,500 finance brokers get regular updates
- Broker accreditation and login
- Tracks every DA submitted in Australia updated up to four times per day
- Introducer incentivisation program
- On-line applications across eight loan products
- Over 33,000 developer, advisors, agents, architects etc receiving regular correspondence
- Standardised loan documentation; capable of financial close within 24 hours
- Digital marketing strategy has generated significant deal flow and market awareness



Source: TGP 2018 Annual Results Presentation

# Q&A



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